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Class Specifications
for the Class:

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR III

Duties Summary:

Operates two or more types of motorized equipment such as heavy trucks, heavy rollers, loaders and light tractors as a major work assignment; may perform manual work tasks in connection with general construction and maintenance work; may operate graders and heavy tractors as an incidental work assignment; and performs other related duties as assigned.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

This class differs from the class Equipment Operator II in that the Equipment Operator III operates heavy motorized equipment such as trucks having a factory rated capacity of 5 tons or over, rollers of 5 tons or over, loaders, and tractors such as D-4, TD-6 and TD-9 with bulldozer blade attachments as a major work assignment; whereas the Equipment Operator II operates two or more types of motorized equipment such as trucks having a factory rated capacity of 1-1/2 but less than 5 tons, and rollers under 5 tons as a major work assignment and may operate heavier equipment as an incidental work assignment.

This class differs from that of Equipment Operator IV in that the Equipment Operator III operates two or more types of motorized equipment such as trucks having a factory rated capacity of 5 tons or over, rollers of 5 tons or over, loaders, and D-4, TD-6 and TD-9 tractors with bulldozer blade attachments as a major work assignment and may operate heavier equipment as required; whereas the Equipment Operator IV operates and maintains heavy motorized equipment such as cranes of 15 ton capacity or more and/or excavators with shovel, backhoe, clamshell and dragline of 3/4 cubic yard capacity or more as a primary, regular work assignment and may operate equipment of lower level classes as an incidental work assignment.

Examples of Duties:

Operates a truck to haul rock, gravel, dirt, debris and other material; operates a loader to load material into trucks; operates a roller to compact sub-grades, sub-bases, shoulders and finished pavement; operates a bulldozer to clear land of rocks and trees and excavate, grade, and level land; keeps equipment supplied with fuel, oil, water and air; services and makes minor adjustments to equipment such as replacing spark plugs and adjusting clutches and

brakes; cuts grass, cleans ditches, and cleans debris from highways; spreads asphaltic concrete and rock in repairing pavement; may oversee the work of laborers performing various manual work tasks; may occasionally operate other types of motorized equipment such as graders, heavy tractors with bulldozer attachments and truck tractors used to transport light, medium and heavy equipment to and from work sites.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required:

Knowledge of: Methods of operating at least two of the motorized equipment representative of this class; laws, ordinances, rules and regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles on streets and highways; hazards and safety precautions applicable to the operation of motorized equipment representative of this class; and maintenance needs of equipment representative of this class.

Ability to: Operate at least two of the motorized equipment representative of this class skillfully and safely; observe mechanical defects and take steps to have such defects corrected; understand and observe traffic laws and rules; perform manual work; understand and follow oral and written instructions; and perform heavy lifting, moving and carrying typical of the class.

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